(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The salient features of bilateral agreements signed in respect of the five projects as mentioned in part (b) above are given below:

Three agreements relating to the supply of equipment, initial set of spares, installation and operating of the equipment with performance guarantee for a period of 150 working days had been signed between South Eastern Coalfields Limited and M/s Coal Mining Equipment Import & Export Corporation, China. The agreement pertaining to the refurbishment of Churcha West Powered Support Longwall equipment has not come into force hence no detail is furnished. An agreement was also entered into with Republic of France for procurement of hydraulic shovels.

**Age disputes in BCCL**

4284. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of age dispute pending at the headquarters of BCCL as on 31st March, 1998 indicating the facts in detail giving the names and the period for which they are pending;

(b) whether BCCL adheres to the "Implementation Instruction No, 76" in resolving Age Disputes by sending cases of "Glaring Differences" and discrepancies in the records to the Age Determination Committee; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases resolved in the last one year giving the names and the facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) There are 19 cases of age disputes pending in BCCL Headquarters as on 31.3.1998 ranging between 6 months to 18 months. Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 903 cases resolved in the last one year. The information called for with regard to names of cases resolved in last one year is voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

**Statement**

*Pending cases of Age Disputes in BCCL Hqrs.*

| Sl. No. | Pers. No. | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 00600775 | Kheman Mondal |
| 2. | 02438745 | Ram Brich Ahir |
| 3. | 00208611 | Ram Dular Kumhar |
| 4. | 02151264 | Lakhan Bhuia |
| 5. | 00239822 | Inua Mia |
| 6. | 02168490 | Mahabir Singh |
| 7. | 02446664 | Patia Bouri |
| 8. | 02240992 | Madhusudan Bhuia |
| 9. | 02307395 | Triveni Dusadh |
| 10. | 02233088 | Pudina Kamin |
| 11. | 02463271 | Sheo Nath Dusadh |
| 12. | 01250810 | Pankaj Kr. Verma |
| 13. | 01201433 | Rameshwar Ramani |
| 14. | 01209550 | Ramachar Singh |
| 15. | 01010735 | Muneeshwar Mistry |
| 16. | 02771046 | Ram Bhajan Dusadh |
| 17. | 02099075 | Dand Pani Nayak |
| 18. | 00104750 | Trinath Sethi 3 |
| 19. | 02087997 | Arjun Roy |

**Coal Reserve in the Country**

4285. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserve of coal in the country;

(b) whether the demand of coal continues to out strip the supply and availability gap widens and if so, the details thereof including imports required; and

(c) the proposed policy overhaul to attract investment and expertise in coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) As per assessment of Geological Survey of India (GSI), the coal reserves in the country as on 01.01.1998 upto a depth of 1200 metres are over 206 billion tonnes.